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Bill and Joe – I had a message from Kell to call him...I'm assuming about this email. His voicemail is full. In the meantime, I need your help in drafting a response to the language in the IG report.

Page 6: Region 8 stated in its survey response that it had site work it could not start due to lack of FTEs at the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area NPL site in Butte, Montana. Specifically, work is currently delayed at the West Side Soils Operable Unit (OU13), which includes the mining-impacted areas in and around the city. For the site, potential health threats include direct contact with and ingestion of contaminated soil, surface water and groundwater; and inhaling contaminated soil. Contaminants of concern include arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead and zinc. The EPA reports that it has insufficient data to determine whether human exposure is under control, and the site is not ready for anticipated use. Region 8 also added that other sites could be advancing more quickly through the NPL process if they had additional regional project manager FTEs to assist in the work.

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-09/documents/_epaoig_20170919-17-p-0397.pdf

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Sen Daines office called and wanted a response today to the items in the Montana paper that discussed the 'misallocation of personnel by EPA which negatively affected the Montana sites' and the comment that 'EPA cannot say if the health of the citizens in Butte are at risk'. Can we

talk about this? I have not seen the papers

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